

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MARCH 5, 2020

The Historic Preservation Advisory Board of the City of McKinney, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council Present: Charlie Philips

Board Members Present: Chairman Lance Hammond, Ian Beirnes, Shannon Burton, Carl R. Smith, and Alternate Betty Petkovsek

Board Member Absent: Vice-Chairman Jonathan Ball, Erika Reardon, and Chris Tovar

Staff Present: Assistant Director of Planning Mark Doty, Historic Preservation Officer Guy Giersch, and Administrative Assistant Terri Ramey

There were two guests present.

Chairman Hammond called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

Chairman Hammond called for Public Comments for non-public hearing agenda items. There were no public comments.

Chairman Hammond called for consideration of the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Alternate Board Member Petkovsek, to approve the following consent item, with a vote of 5-0-0:

20-0211 Minutes of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board Meeting of February 6, 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Hammond continued the agenda with the Regular Agenda Items.

20-010HTM Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Mruthyunjaya “Jay” Shastry and Vijayshree Hiremath for Approval of a Historic Marker for the House Located at 502 North Kentucky Street. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, explained the historic marker application. He discussed the history of the house and the previous property owners. Mr. Giersch stated that Staff was recommending approval of a historic marker for 502 North Kentucky Street and offered to answer questions. Chairman Hammond asked

about the windows in the front gable. Mr. Giersch stated that they appear to be replacements windows; however, could be wood. He stated that they appear to be four pane windows. Mr. Mruthyunjaya "Jay" Shastry, 904 N. Crestmoor Drive, Allen, TX, concurred with the Staff Report. He stated that they purchased the property in 2018. Mr. Shastry stated that they always liked this historic property when they visited McKinney. He stated that the property still has the original windows; however, they are painted shut. Mr. Shastry stated that he would like to fix the windows where they could be opened and closed. He stated that the house still has the original hardwood flooring in most of the rooms. Mr. Shastry stated that the foundation has been fixed over time; however, there is still Bois D'Arc under the house. He stated that there is a claw foot bathtub inside the house. Mr. Shastry stated that they were very proud of this place. He discussed some of the information that he found while doing research on the property. Board Member Burton asked Mr. Shastry if they live in this property. Mr. Shastry stated that they live in Allen and that the subject property is a rental property. Board Member Burton asked if any additional work need to be done to the property. Mr. Shastry stated that he was doing a lot of the work to the property himself. He stated that his full-time job is different and he finds that working on the house was relaxing and a joy. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Commission Member Burton, seconded by Commission Member Smith, the Commission unanimously voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 5-0-0.

20-010HT Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider/Discuss/Act on the Request by Mruthyunjaya "Jay" Shastry and Vijayshree Hiremath for Approval of a Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption for the House Located at 502 North Kentucky Street. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, explained the proposed Level 1 Historic Neighborhood Improvement Zone Tax Exemption

request. He stated that Staff was recommending approval of the Level 1 Tax Exemption for 502 North Kentucky Street. Mr. Giersch stated that the ad valorem taxes for this property in 2020 are approximately \$1,779. Mr. Mruthyunjaya "Jay" Shastry, 904 N. Crestmoor Drive, Allen, TX, concurred with the Staff Report. Board Member Beirnes asked if Mr. Shastry planned to use the amount of money saved in taxes, if this request was approved, to reinvest in the property. Mr. Shastry said yes and that he wants to improve every part of house. He stated that he had already invested over \$20,000 renovating the property. Mr. Shastry stated that the tax savings would help him in making additional improvements to the property. Chairman Hammond opened the public hearing and called for comments. There being none, on a motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Alternate Commission Member Petkovsek, the Commission voted to close the public hearing and approve the request as recommended by Staff, with a vote of 4-1-0. Chairman Hammond voted against the motion.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Hammond continued the agenda with the Discussion Item.

- 20-0212** Discuss Historic Home Recognition Program Calendar. Mr. Guy Giersch, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of McKinney, gave an update on the calendar. He asked the Commission Members research fun facts to be included in the calendar and help sell advertisements. Mr. Giersch briefly discussed featuring the best of previous calendars in a future calendar.

END OF DISCUSSION ITEM

There being no further business, on a motion by Board Member Beirnes, seconded by Board Member Smith, the Board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn the meeting, with a vote of 5-0-0. Chairman Hammond declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

LANCE HAMMOND
Chairman